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1. A 600 km railroad line between Svirstroi and Cherepovets is planned. This new line is to establish an interconnection between the Murmansk-Petrozavodsk-Leningrad and the Leningrad-Cherepovets-Vologda-Kirov lines.
2. The plans for the construction of this line were made prior to World War II. Work on the project was suspended during the war but has now been resumed.
3. The line will run from Svirstroi, where it joins the Murmansk-Leningrad line, around the southern tip of Lake Onega via Belarucha and Vytegra, and then parallel to the Vytegra Canal as far as Beloe Ozero. From there it will run along the western shore of this lake, touch Belozersk and then follow the Shkсна River as far as Cherepovets where it joins the Leningrad-Kirov line.
4. Railroad ties were being shipped to the lumber yard in Belarucha via a narrow-gauge field railroad line. [redacted] said that the ties would be spotted along the projected course of the line. Railroad ties were shipped in the direction of both Lake Onega and Beloe Ozero.
5. A 40 km stretch of a finished railroad embankment was seen running southwest from Vytegra at a distance of about 2 km from the canal. This embankment was probably built before the war. [redacted] could not make any statements regarding the number of tracks that might be laid on the embankment. No railroad embankment was seen between Vytegra and Novinka, about 32 km further south (Vytegra-Cherepovets line). Whether such an embankment between Novinka and Cherepovets had already been completed was not known.

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* [] Comment. Information contained in this report is credible. [] have remarked that such a line was to be constructed, but their information was discounted as being highly improbable. The projected line would improve rail traffic conditions in the area between Lake Onega and the Rybinsk Reservoir, an area now practically without railroad facilities. See Attachment for sketch showing location of the projected line.

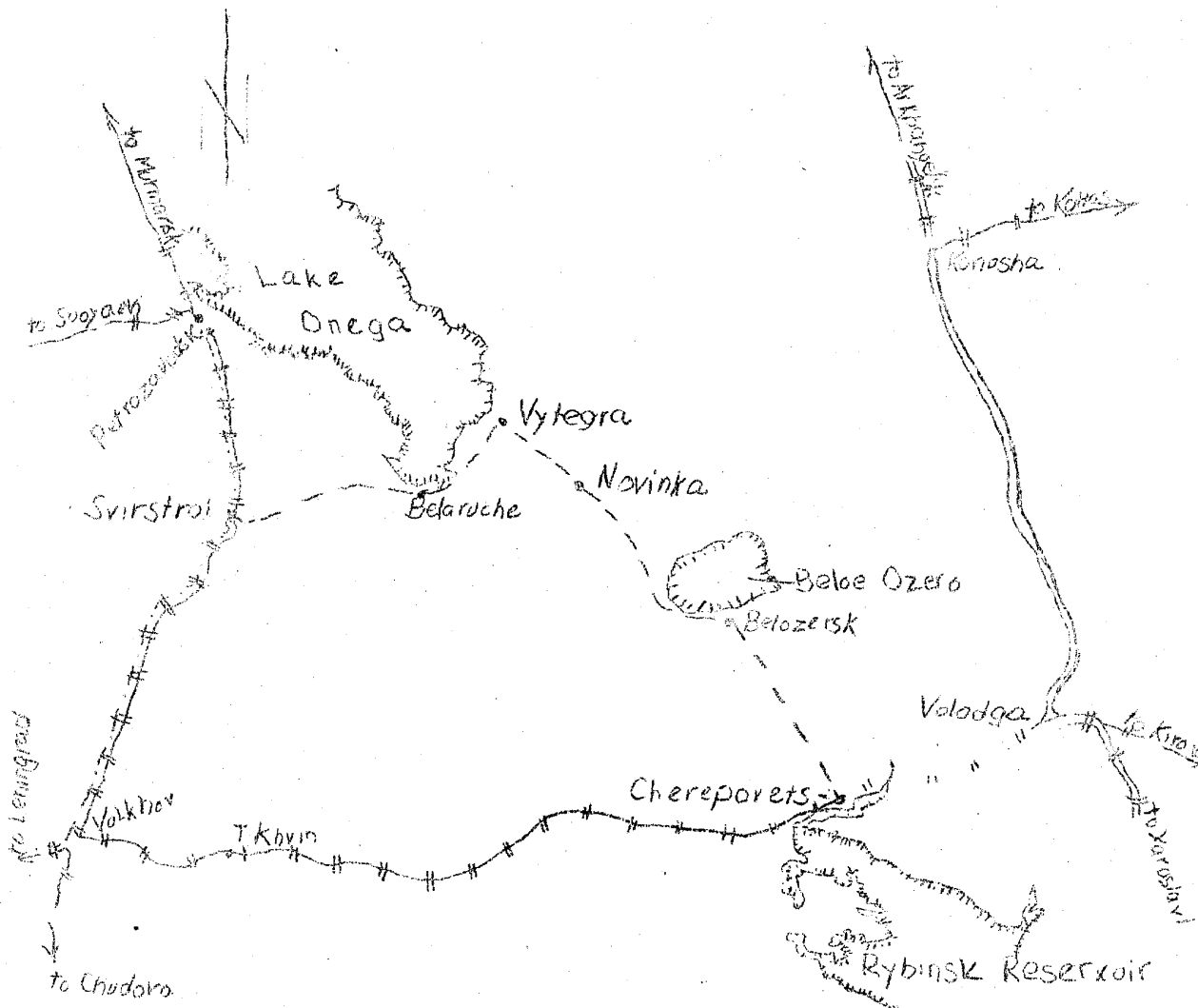
Attachment 1: Construction of a RR Line Between Svirstroi and Cherepovets.

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Construction of a Railroad Line
between Svirstroi and Cherepovets



Legend

- +—+—+— double track Soviet gauge
- +—+— single track Soviet gauge
- +—+— second track under construction, possibly completed by now
- proposed line partially under construction

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